know the exact hour of arrival of trains and they have to reach Tumkur some two or three days after the dates of hearing. To avoid these inconveniences the 2nd Assistant Commissioner's office may be located at Tiptur which is the centre of the sub-division.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into and considered. But at present it does not seem to be necessary, as Assistant Commissioners have to travel for 7 months.

Subject No. 66

Residents of villages to be relieved of the duty of keeping night-watch by turns.

Mr. H. Krishnachar, Goribidnur Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—The rules at present require the residents in villages to keep watch by turns during nights without any distinction as to their caste, creed and social position. If any one should, by unavoidable circumstances, absent himself from his duty he is criminally fined. This is a great hardship to the people. As minor village servants are granted Inams as well as Miras it is but right that they should be deputed for this duty.

Reply of Government.—Is not practicable and cannot be done.

Subject No. 67.

Increase of Police Force.

Mr. E. R. George, Kolar Mining Board

Summary of discussion.—There is necessity for augmentation and improvement in Police and detective supervision, also for deterrent sentences. Thefts are alarmingly on the increase.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

Subject No. 68.

Additional Police Constables for the Melkote Police Station.

Mr. Varahaswami Iyengar of Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha of Melkote.

Summary of Discussion.—The Police watch at Melkote is not sufficient. The present staff consisting of 4 or 5 constables will have to patrol 50 or 60 villages. Petty thefts are occurring and the difficulties in the sheds and in the town at the time of the outbreak of plague are indescribable. It is therefore proposed that 4 more constables be added to the present staff.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Inspector General of Police for disposal.

Subject No. 69.

Investiture of powers to Patels under village Police Rules.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa, Sorab Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—Petty Criminal offences committed in villages are now brought to Court which entails on raiyats expense and labour. It is prayed that qualified patels may be invested under village Police Rules with powers to enquire and dispose of petty cases committed in their respective villages.

Withdrawn.

Subject No. 70.

Shooting Licenses.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao of Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The existing grievances in regard to obtaining shooting licenses may be facilitated.

Mr. Vasudeva Rao.—"Licenses are not being issued to all applicants and it is not possible to ascertain how the discretion given is exercised. Out of 800 applications for shooting licenses, only 14 applications were granted, of which two were from Government officers."